IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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For:

BREATHABLE COMPOSITE ELASTIC MATERIAL HAVING A CELLULAR ELASTOMERIC

FILM LAYER AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

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Group Art Unit: 1772

Examiner: not yet assigned

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Please preliminarily amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Cancel the pending Claims and add the following new Claims

A breathable cellular elastomer film or filament material having cells created therein by a cell opening agent, said material being at least partially air permeable, capable of transmitting water vapor therethrough and being elongatable.

The breathable cellular elastomer film or filament material of Claim I, wherein said

material is a film material.